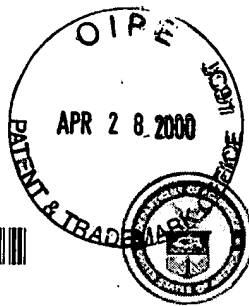


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An application number and filing date have been accorded to this application. The item(s) indicated below, however, are missing. Applicant is given TWO MONTHS from the date of this Notice within which to file all required items and pay any fees required below to avoid abandonment. Extensions of time may be obtained by filing a petition accompanied by the extension fee under the provisions of 37 CFR 1.136(a).

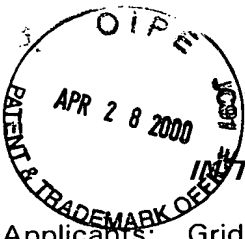
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Applicant must submit \$ 690 to complete the basic filing fee and/or file a small entity statement claiming such status (37 CFR 1.27).
- Total additional claim fee(s) for this application is \$240.
 - \$162 for 9 total claims over 20.
 - \$78 for 1 independent claims over 3.
- The oath or declaration is missing.
A properly signed oath or declaration in compliance with 37 CFR 1.63, identifying the application by the above Application Number and Filing Date, is required.
- To avoid abandonment, a late filing fee or oath or declaration surcharge as set forth in 37 CFR 1.16(e) of \$130 for a non-small entity, must be submitted with the missing items identified in this letter.
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**TRANSMITTAL OF MISSING PARTS
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Sir:

In response to the Notice to File Missing Parts of Application mailed on March 29, 2000, in the above-identified application, transmitted herewith are the missing parts needed to complete the filing of the subject patent application.

Enclosed are:

- ☒ Declaration and Power of Attorney (4 pages)
- ☒ Copy of Notice to File Missing Parts (Part 2 of Form PTO-1533)
- ☒ Other: Assignment and Agreement (3 pgs.)
- ☒ Check in the amount of \$1,060.00 in payment of the basic filing fee, nine additional claims, one additional independent claim and surcharge fee (37 C.F.R. § 1.16(e))
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Respectfully submitted,

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